

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 4/10/03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for the blood work that was completed on 5/6/02. This included CPT codes 99000-WP, 85610-WP, 85730-WP, 85031-WP, and 85610-WP. The respondent denied treatment with 'N', not appropriately documented.

II. RATIONALE

- The respondent's letter dated 5/23/03, noted in the second paragraph of page one, "...After review of the relevant documentation in this case, the Carrier has elected to pay the \$112 in dispute..."
- Verification with the requestor revealed the respondent did submit a reimbursement for DOS 4/16/02 (blood work, \$56.00), but did not submit for DOS 5/6/02 for the same treatment.
- The requestor submitted the report for DOS 5/6/02, in the initial packet submitted to Medical Review (the respondent received the same documents), that supported the billed service according to Rule 133.1(a)(3)(D).
- Therefore, reimbursement is recommend according to the 1996 MFG. (99000=\$19.00, 85610=\$10.00, 85730=\$13.00, and 85031=\$14.00) Amount due: \$56.00.

IV. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code(s) 99000, 85610, 85730 and 85031. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby **ORDERS** the Respondent to remit **\$56.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 22nd day of January 2004.

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Medical Review Division